



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 1, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The proposed Los Angeles International Airport Master Plan EIR/EIS and Los Angeles International (LAX) Master Plan are scheduled for consideration and approval by the City Airport and Planning Commissions on June 14, 2004. This is the first step toward final approval of the EIR/EIS and Master Plan by the City Council. After approval by the City Airport and Planning Commissions, the Master Plan will be submitted to the County Airport Land Use Commission for a determination of consistency with the County Airport Land Use Plan, before final consideration by the City Council. The Board of Supervisors and several other interested agencies and individuals have raised numerous concerns over the current version of the LAX Master Plan being proposed by Mayor Hahn.

“The primary purpose of the current version of the Master Plan, introduced by the Mayor after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, was to increase security at the airport, which is considered a primary terrorist target. The comments the County has submitted on the Master Plan raise significant issues regarding the proposed security measures, which will require extensive reconfiguration of the existing airport facilities, in addition to other important issues such as the Master Plan’s potential environmental impacts on adjacent communities and its ability to constrain growth at LAX.

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“On May 14, 2004, Mayor Hahn agreed to have the RAND Corporation conduct a comprehensive cost/benefit and security analysis of the LAX Master Plan, in response to challenges to the proposed Master Plan’s security measures. While we do applaud this action by the Mayor, it makes no sense to move forward with City approvals of the proposed EIR/EIS and LAX Master Plan until the RAND analysis is complete and disseminated to the public and all interested agencies for consideration. The City has taken no action, however, to delay the City approval process. This process should not move forward without the benefit of an indepth study of security issues, as that is the primary issue the current Plan was intended to address.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to send a five-signature letter to Mayor James Hahn, the Los Angeles City Council and Planning Commission, and the City Airport Commission, requesting postponement of approvals by these agencies of the proposed Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Master Plan Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and LAX Master Plan until completion, public dissemination and full consideration of the RAND Corporation's analysis by these respective agencies and other interested parties, and request that the City not submit the LAX Master Plan to the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission until that time.

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